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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) has developed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the proposed action of purchasing a 30-foot wide permanent road easement which would allow the public to cross approximately one-mile of private land in northern Phillips County. The road easement would be granted by Wetlands America Trust Inc., a division of Ducks Unlimited (DU), and the easement would be held by FWP. The road easement will secure motorized access to the Cottonwood Cr. drainage through an approximately one-mile of private road between a portion of the Phillips County Road and BLM.

The EA is available at: <http://fwp.mt.gov> under public notices. If you would like to request a printed version of the EA contact the Region 6 Office at 228-3700. The public comment period on the draft EA will extend through 5:00 pm, February 5, 2016. Written comments can be mailed to Joiner Coulee EA Comments, MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 1 Airport Rd, Glasgow, MT 59230 or emailed to katsmith@mt.gov. If you have any further questions regarding this proposal, please call the Region 6 FWP office at 228-3700. Thank you very much for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Sullivan
Region 6 Supervisor